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Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the report of 12 July 2000 (S/2000/683*), on the situation concerning Western Sahara, does not accurately reflect Morocco's position on the question of the review of the identification results.

According to paragraph 5, Morocco identified as one of the obstacles to the implementation of the referendum process "the reversal of the identification results for some 7,000 applicants which, in Morocco's view, should be reinstated".

Morocco wishes to explain that, despite many factors that might have prompted it to do so, it was not calling for the reversal of the identification results. It requested that candidates whose names had been included by the identification centres in lists that had been officially communicated but then withdrawn by the review commission should be reinstated and included in the list of eligible persons once again.

Morocco had been informed that the candidates in question had been included but then eliminated as a result of the unlawful review exercise, for which no provision is made in any document governing the referendum process.

We request you to instruct the relevant departments to amend the report so as to reflect accurately Morocco's position on this important review issue.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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